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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 5564

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, SHUM

SUBJECT: "DISAPPEARED" CHILEAN EXTREMISTS

REF: STATE 191086

1. COMMENTS ON POINTS RAISED PARA 2 REFTEL FOLLOW:

(1) ALL THREE BODIES IN ARGENTINA WERE ACCOMPANIED BY CHILEAN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS ALLEGING CADAVERS WERE THOSE OF GUENDELMAN, ROBOTHAM AND PERELMAN. IN ALL THREE CASES, FAMILY MEMBERS CLAIM BODIES ARE NOT THOSE OF THEIR MISSING RELATIVES AND THAT IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS ARE FALSE. WE HAVE TALKED DIRECTLY ONLY TO PERELMAN FAMILY. WE ALSO HAVE COPY OF SWORN STATEMENT BY ROBOTHAM FAMILY, AND ARE RELYING ON ACCOUNTS FROM PERELMAN FAMILY, PRESS ACCOUNTS, AND OTHER SECONDARY SOURCES FOR GUENDELMAN FAMILY STATEMENT.

(2) PERELMAN AND ROBOTHAM'S NAMES APPEARED ON "O DIA" LIST OF THOSE ALLEGEDLY KILLED IN CONFRONTATION IN SALTA AREA WITH ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. ROBOTHAM HAD EARLIER BEEN "IDENTIFIED" IN WIRE SERVICE REPORTS AS BEING ONE OF TWO PERSONS KILLED (OTHER WAS ALLEGEDLY GUENDELMAN) BY MIR IN PILAR, OUTSIDE OF BUENOS AIRES. NO EXPLANATION FOR CONFLICTING STORIES ON ROBOTHAM HAS BEEN OFFERED TO OUR
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KNOWLEDGE. GUNDELMAN DOES NOT APPEAR ON EITHER "LEA" OR

"O DIA" LIST.

(3) ICRC REP TOLD EMBOFF HE DID NOT PLAN TO RAISE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF 119 WITH GOC. HOWEVER, ICRC IS IN CONTINUAL CONTACT WITH GOC ON GENERAL QUESTION OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS AND PRESUMABLY SOLICITS ANY INFORMATION GOC CAN PROVIDE.

(4) WE HAVE SEEN NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL FROM ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OF SUPPOSED ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN CHILEAN EXTREMISTS AND GOA SECURITY FORCES.

(5) SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON GUENDELMAN.
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